

Reminder to White Plains Residents:

**FEMA Disaster Recovery Center Operating Out of the Westchester County Center
Individual and Small Business Assistance Available**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Center at the Westchester County Center remains open 7 days/week from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to assist individuals and small businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter. The County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains. Parking fees at the County Center have been waived while the Disaster Recovery Center is operational.

Staffed by FEMA officials, individuals may come to the Center to ask questions about available FEMA assistance. The site is also acting as a one-stop center by helping to link individuals to other needed services. Individuals are encouraged to register with FEMA via one of the methods listed below, prior to visiting the Disaster Recovery Center.

President Obama's Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New York triggered the release of Federal funds to help individuals, businesses and communities recover from Hurricane Sandy. This means that Westchester residents can register with FEMA and apply for disaster assistance. To learn more about the types of assistance available and eligibility, register with FEMA via any one of the following methods:

- Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Apply via smart phone at m.fema.gov.
- Call the registration phone number at 1-800-621-3362; those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

FEMA is strongly recommending that individuals and small businesses register in advance of visiting the Disaster Recovery Center. However, residents can apply for FEMA aid without coming to the County Center.

FEMA representatives are on hand at the County Center to help individuals and households apply for financial aid for losses and damages caused by the storm. In addition to FEMA representatives, the Center will be staffed with representatives from:

- Con Edison, to answer customer questions about outages and restorations; engineers and customer representatives will be there to answer specific questions;

- The Small Business Administration, which will help businesses apply for low-interest loans for storm-related damages;
- Social services agencies, to provide residents with recovery assistance;

FEMA has advised that all persons applying for assistance at the Disaster Recovery Center be prepared to provide:

- Social Security number (including your spouse's if applicable);
- Private insurance information, if available
- Address and zip code of the damaged property
- Directions to the damaged home or property
- Daytime telephone number, and
- An address where you can receive mail